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Our 888th Meeting

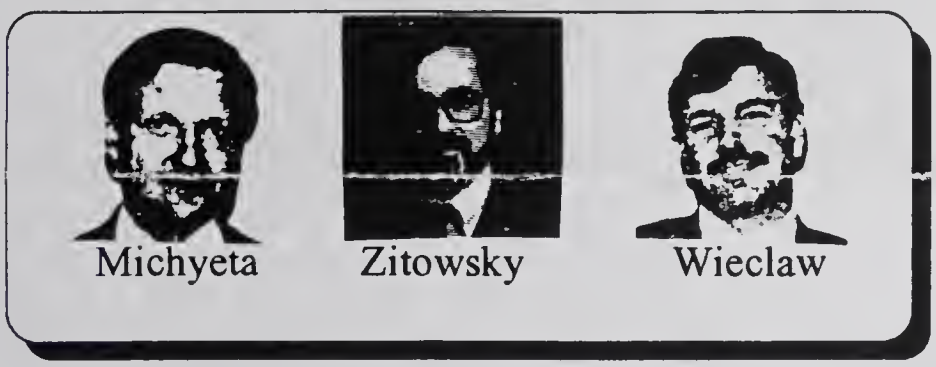
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 1993
Place: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL
Program: Warren Schultz on "A Crisis in Manluk Copper"

Message from the Editor

Last month I asked what you thought of the new Chatter format. Those members I talked to at the CCC banquet were positive. I even got a complimentary letter from Sidney Bick, member 565, who likes the new setup, especially with the pictures of the officers.

Speaking of pictures, if anyone has an old (but working) Polaroid camera they could donate to the club, we could include pictures of speakers in the Chatter. Talk to me or a club officer.

Officers


Michyeta Zitowsky Wieclaw

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The President's Perspective

Allow me to officially introduce myself to the club. I am Drew Michyeta. I have been a member for over 10 years. I have been a director for seven years, second vice president for two years, and first vice president for 4 years.

I now am assuming the position of president. This, to me, is a very humbling experience. Knowing the presidents that have preceded me, I know that their talents and knowledge exceed mine by vast amounts. I know that my term in office can only be successful if all the members help me get through it. I will need the board of governors to suggest direction and the members to support action. With the full cooperation of all involved, I believe a moderate success can be attained. So with this plea, may I go forth and lead our club not only with the best of my abilities, but also the talents and abilities of the entire membership.

Looking forward, I remain,
Drew Michyeta

December Meeting Minutes

The 887th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was the annual banquet, which started with hors d' oeuvres at 6:00 p.m., December 9, and proceeded into a fine dinner and program. Our speaker for the evening was William Swoger, and his subject was titled "The Brasher Doubloon." Mr. Swoger has traveled all over the U.S. and was able to photograph all known existing Brasher Doubloons.

The top exhibitor award went to Carl Wolf, with second place to Harry Flower. The honorable mention awards went to Robert Leonard, David Simpson, and Richard Hamilton. The balloting was

extremely close this year. Literary awards went to Robert Leonard for his work accompanying the club's 1993 axe money CICF giveaway, and to David Simpson, for a paper on pre-Civil War U.S. currency. In addition, ANA certificates were given to featured speakers from the last year.

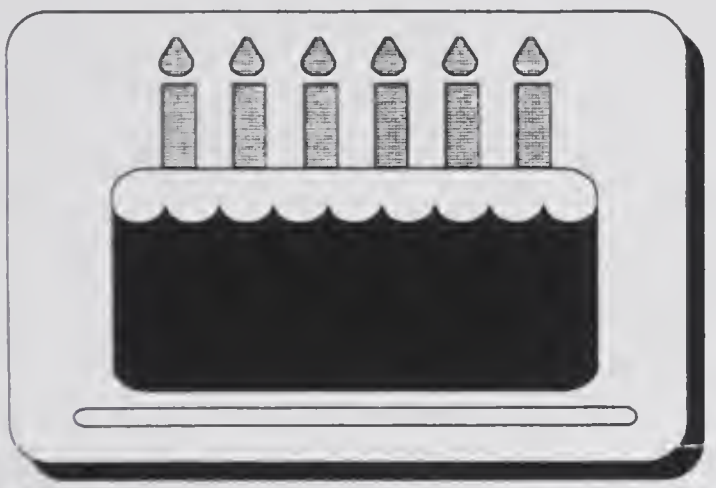
The election of officers resulted in the selection, without dissent, of the following slate of officers: Andrew Michyeta III, president; Steven Zitowsky, first vice president; Mark Wieclaw, second vice president; and Richard Hamilton, Charles Ricard, and Robert Weinstein, Jr., as directors. Robert Leonard will serve on the board as outgoing president.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Secretary-Treasurer

Birthdays and Years Joined



Tillie Boosel	February 2	Since Before 1960
Steven Zitowsky	February 9	Since 1991
Steven Greenberg	February 11	Since 1991
William Boss	February 21	Since 1969
Nilton Garcia	February 22	Since 1986
Walter Pershke	February 25	Since 1986
August Jackson	February 27	Since 1990

Birthday Oversight

In the July 1992 issue, the Chatter failed to mention Steve Rodin's birthday. Steve, who is member 1024, was born August 15. A belated happy birthday, Steve!

1993 Dues Statement

According to Secretary/Treasurer Brian Stubbs, the response to the dues notice so far has been good. There are a few people, however, who have not yet sent in their dues. We would like to hear from you! Please mail us your dues, or pay Brian at the next meeting.

Literary Award Publication

Because there have been complaints in past years about how the literary award winners' papers are sometimes read only by22 the judging committee, you can expect to see one or both of the 1992 award winners reprinted in upcoming issues. A publication schedule has not been established.

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Our 889th Meeting

DATE: Saturday, February 27, 1993
TIME: 1:00
PLACE: Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 East Wacker Dr., Chicago-Water Tower Room
PROGRAM: Kerry Keith Wetterstorm on the Twelve Labors of Hercules

Message from the Editor

February 26-28 is the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF). As usual, CCC will be holding its meeting in conjunction with the CICF, **rather than at its regular meeting site.** Please take note of this; we don't want to hear stories about how several members showed up at the Bismarck Hotel on the regular meeting night! Actually, I don't recall ever having heard any such stories in past years, but this may have been due to embarrassment.

There is plenty to see and do at the CICF. The event is open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27, and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. The bourse is in Wacker Hall, lower level of the Hyatt Regency Chicago East Tower. This is one level down from where it was previously held.

The CCC meeting, at 1:00, is in the Water Tower Room, Concourse level, of the West Tower. This is where the meeting was held last year.

One interesting event, for those of you who are into this kind of thing, is the public display of the first legal tender coin showing President Bill Clinton. This is part of a Liberian series of world statesmen. Personally, I think it's a little early to tell if he qualifies. There will be a ceremony relating to the coin at the Pobjoy Mint booth at 11:00 Friday.

Whether this peeks your interest or not, there is a wealth (literally and figuratively speaking) of things for any collector to see at the CICF. And don't forget about the clam shell money give-away at the CCC meeting!

Speaker Schedule Announced

One of the duties of the first vice president is to arrange speakers and programs for all CCC meetings. Prior to assuming the presidential mantle in January, Drew Michyeta finished up his term as first vice president in fine style by arranging a slate of 1993 programs. The following programs are, of course, subject to change.

March	Mark Wieclaw	US Territorial Coinage of the Philippines
April	Richard Hamilton	Christian Gobreckt: The Artist, the Person
May	Neil Shafer	Scrip from the Panic of 1907
June	Bob Weinstein	Coinage of Hindu and Southeast Asian Origin
July	Robert Leonard	The Legend of the Yoachum Dollar
August		Social Evening
September	Saul Needleman	Early English Tokens
October	Robert Goler	Souvenirs of White City
November		Auction
December	Ed Metzger	Publishing for the Numismatic Community

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January Meeting Minutes

The 888th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club began at 7:35 on January 12, 1993. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steven Zitowsky. The treasurer's report was read by the secretary and approved by the membership. Under old business it has been noted that in the December minutes Carl Wolf was second place winner of the exhibitor award. In fact this should read Harry Flower as second place winner.

The membership has voted to nominate Nancy Wilson to the ANA Board of Governors. The secretary was given approval to fill out the necessary papers for nomination. The membership approved the "striking" of 200 pieces of clam shell money worth $5.00 each, for the upcoming meeting at the Chicago International Coin Fair.

Immediate Past President Robert Leonard reports an inventory of 12 copies of our award winning book, *Perspectives in Numismatics* at $25 each. It was noted by the secretary that Bob Leonard managed to sell books every month. That's a record I don't believe anyone has beaten yet!

CCC member Fred White has been gathering support for his Chicago Numismatic Foundation Rare Coin Museum and Library, Inc., which is non-profit. He is accepting donations of cash as well as books and other numismatic materials. He has also developed a game named Numismatic Knowledge. Anyone interested should see Fred at one of our meetings.

Our newly elected president, Andrew Michyeta III, would like to have a social event in August to attract perspective members. The membership seems to think this is a good idea, and awaits further details from Andrew.

Our speaker for the evening was Warren C. Schultz, a Ph.D. student at the University of Chicago. He spoke about the monetary system of the Mamluks. They were a wealthy tribe that struck coins from Cairo to Alexandria. In the Lower Nile Valley copper was not in the area but copper coinage was available. Warren has been sampling copper coinage of this group and weighing each piece.

Exhibitors for the evening were Tom Nolan (a group of CCC 500th meeting medals--one gold, one silver, one bronze), Carl Wolf (four Christmas medals--one affixed to a Christmas card--showing themes from the Twelve Days of Christmas, and two medals showing a tree house), Mark Wieclaw (two pieces of Severina, Rome's only sole empress), Robert Leonard (four Mamluk copper coins and 12 coins issued by the ancestors of Diana, Princess of Wales, plus *Coin World* article 1/11/93 on this subject). It was also noted at the meeting that Bob Leonard has always brought an exhibit to go along with the speaker's theme. This is quite an accomplishment! Thanks Bob!

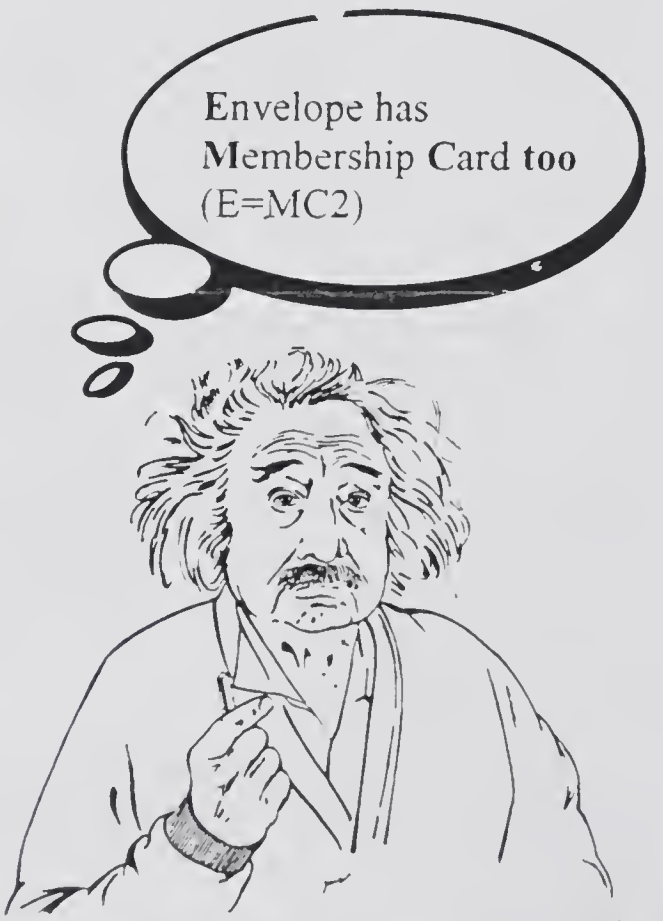
Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, Secretary-Treasurer

Birthdays and Years Joined

March 2	Ethan Plaut	Since 1991
March 7	Bruno Rzepka	Since 1968
March 7	James Budd	Since 1964
March 11	George Lill III	Since 1982
March 14	Donald Srbeny	Since 1987
March 16	Michael Brodsky	Since 1991
March 16	Joseph Tomasko	Since 1984
March 19	Charles Ricard	Since 1963
March 20	Sidney Bick	Since Before 1960
March 23	Eileen Peterson	Since 1982
March 25	David Silberman Jr.	Since 1971
March 29	Arthur Allen	Since 1966
March 29	Nancy Wilson	Since 1984
March 31	Andrew Michyeta III	Since 1984

Membership Cards Enclosed



It doesn't take a genius to find your membership card, which may be mailed with this newsletter. If your card is not enclosed, and you had not gotten it previously, talk to Secretary/Treasurer Brian Stubbs.

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Our 890th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, March 10, 1993
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL
PROGRAM: Mark Wieclaw on "U.S. Territorial Coinage of the Philippines"

Message from the Editor

The club's 75th anniversary continues to creep up on us--are we prepared? This will be a truly significant occasion, and one that I think we should celebrate in fine style. Ideas have included a banquet (possibly in conjunction with the 1994 CICF), a medal or other numismatic momento, a competition for young numismatists, and a club publication. The publication would perhaps include the current club constitution, an update of the club history from "Perspectives in Numismatics," and transcriptions of interviews with long-time members.

In the final analysis, of course, the success of the CCC is due to its members, past and present. Hopefully, these members will be the focus of the anniversary. For that reason, I hope old-time members will talk freely about the old days and former members. As for newer members, don't feel left out--you are living through an important period in the CCC's history, and someday--perhaps 5, 10, 25 years from now--you too may be asked to reflect on how things were in the "good old" days.

No matter whether you are an old-timer or a newcomer, keep in mind that you are, or have been, critical in interpreting and molding the CCC of today. What you say and do could influence the CCC and its members for many years down the road. Scary thought, eh?

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Birthdays and Years Joined

April 1	Charles Ryant, Jr.	Since Before 1960
April 4	Irene Garcia	Since 1986
April 8	Joseph O'Connor	Since 1981
April 11	Phillip Davis	Since 1989
April 13	Keith Weddell	Since 1983
April 15	Robert Leonard	Since 1983
April 16	Rolf Knauz	Since 1978
April 27	Don Valenziano, Jr.	Since 1982

Russia, Anyone?

For the first time since the Russian Revolution in 1917, permission has been granted by the Russian Government to allow members of the Russia Coin Collectors Society to sell their rare coins to foreigners along with rights granted to foreign buyers to export these coins. For those of you interested in being one of these foreigners, an all-inclusive trip to Moscow is planned from June 17-23, 1993, at a cost of $2,995. An extension is planned to St Petersburg June 23-26, for an additional $975.

Registration information is available from Elizabeth Morris, AICEP Numismatics Club, 10 Canvin, Suite 33, Kirkland, Quebec H9H 4S4, phone 514/697-3735, fax 514/697-0628.

February Meeting Minutes

The 889th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 1:05 p.m., February 27, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF). President Michyeta introduced guests. These included Dave Harper, Dan Pelc, R.J. Brooks, Milan Alusic, Thomas E. Beniak, Patrick Long, Mabel Ann Wright, Bill Kalmbach, Bruce Bartelt, Tom Artus, Veronica Artus, Robert Tomasko, Janet Leonard, Christopher Batio, Fred J. Borgmann, Richard Giedroyc, Louis Strbac, Carl Marcoff, Peter S. Janik, Stanley Jackimczak, Doug Rosenberg, Kevin Foley, and John Wright. Total attendance was approximately 60.

The club moved and seconded that regular business be dispensed with, and President Michyeta introduced Kerry Keith Wetterstorm, who spoke on the 12 labors of Hercules. The speaker illustrated his talk with slides of a series of Roman provincial coins dated about 130 a.d. These illustrated each of the labors in various styles. Upon his conclusion, he was presented with a speakers medal by Steve Zitowsky.

President Michyeta awarding Robert Leonard with past president's medal

February's speaker, Kerry Keith Wetterstorm

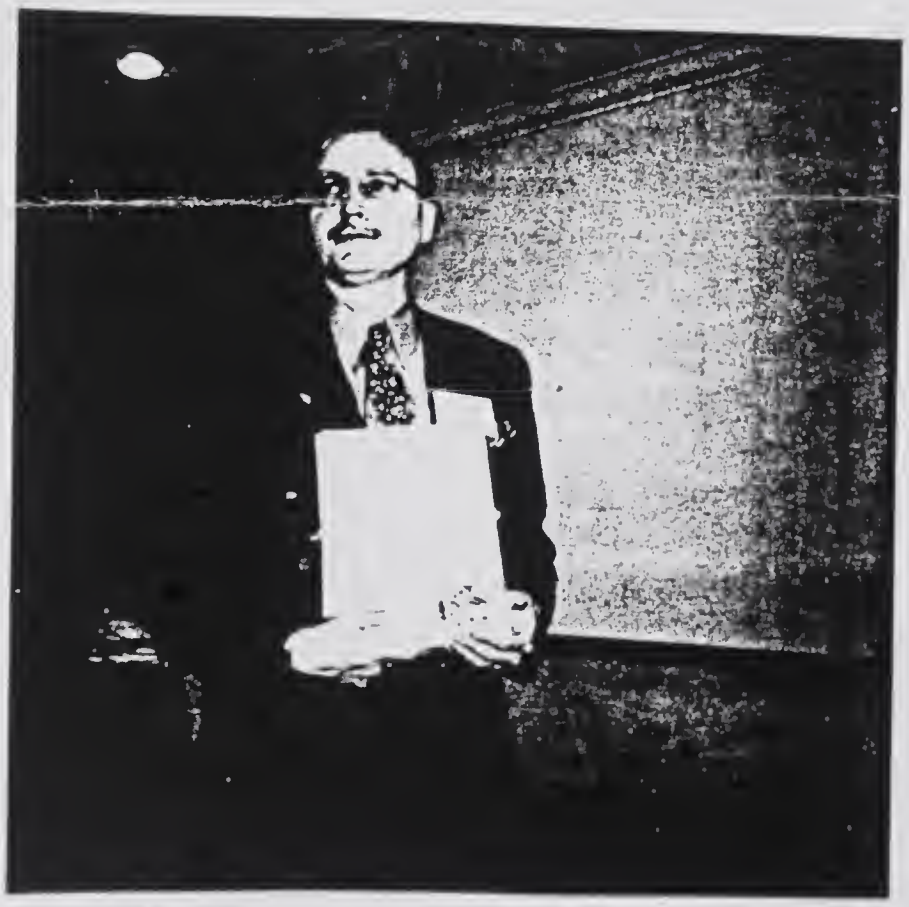
Carl Wolf then described the club's clam shell money, which was being given to each person in attendance. Each shell was signed by the four people who prepared them, and was accompanied by a four-page, detailed history of shell money.

Robert Leonard was given a past president's medal, after serving as CCC president from 1988 to 1992, a period that included the ANA Centennial Convention.

The club raffled several donated books.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully submitted,
David Simpson, for
Brian Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer



Carl Wolf showing shell money

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Our 891st Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, April 14, 1993
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL
PROGRAM: Richard Hamilton: "Christian Gobrecht: the Artist, the Person"

Message from the Editor

This issue is a little longer than other recent issues due to the inclusion of a literary award paper. In the past, there have been complaints because papers submitted for literary award consideration were not always readily available for members (other than the judging committee) to read. In order to rectify this, the 1992 submission, "Obsolete But Not Out of Fashion" is being printed in the Chatter. It was also published, in edited form, in the November 1992 Bank Note Reporter.

By the way, Robert Leonard's article on ax money was the top literary award winner in 1992. It is not being reprinted since many members received copies with their ax money souvenirs.

March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Andrew Michyeta. Corrections are to be made to a recent Chatter. The winner of the top exhibitor award in December 1992 was Harry Flower, not Carl Wolf. A motion was passed to accept the change.

Saul Needleman presented a literary paper for consideration. Saul also asked for a few volunteers to read his paper since he chairs the literary committee. Steve Zitowsky and Brian Stubbs volunteered to read Saul's paper. The 75th anniversary committee reported on its progress: associated costs will be looked at without setting cost limits. It was suggested that we plan an activity each month next year. The plans for our 75th include a banquet, medal, publication, and videotape. Although our anniversary will be in January 1994, the club would like to have its gala at the Chicago International Coin Fair in March or April next year. Invitations will be sent out and we hope to find a patron to pay for the cost of the medal or if we can at least find someone willing to pick up the cost of the die this person will have a major say in the design of the medal. The committee is also looking into asking for donations to help offset costs. Clam shell money report: Carl Wolf sent press releases to Coin World and Krause Publications. A large mailing was also sent to all California clubs.

The speaker for the evening was Mark Wieclaw, and his subject was coinage of the Philippines. Mark presented a slide program with many one-of-a-kind pieces from his collection.

Exhibitors for the evening were Carl Wolf (a progression set and a large medal in pewter from Hawthorne Race Track), Richard Hamilton (a stock certificate in four languages and a gold piece he won from Krause Publications at the recent CICF show), Harry Flower (capped coin, disc of back and encircle edge--Morgan dollar), Bob Weinstein (coin from Saxony), Mark Wieclaw (elongated cents used as birth announcement for his children, Will County Coin Club 100th meeting 12/1/88, 10 sets of uncut sheets), Tom Nolan (1961 CCC Chatter and letter from 500th meeting, two Russian 1899 gold pieces, inflation rubles paper money 100 and 500 rubles).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer

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Birthdays and Years Joined

May 2	Donn Pearlman	1979
May 3	Roy Grundy	1981
May 8	Stanley Kruswicki	Before 1960
May 10	Martin Vink	Before 1960
May 15	Jay M. Galst, M.D.	1991
May 17	Shirley Valenziano	1984
May 23	Robert Weinstein, Jr.	1991
May 25	John G. Ross	Before 1960

Obsolete But Not Out of Fashion

(This was a David Simpson submission for the club's 1992 literary award.)

Imagine, if you will, the US with no Federal Reserve Notes, no American greenbacks. Instead of this, imagine that paper money is issued, and backed, by local banks--not all of which are financially sound. Such a banking system could mean that your money would only be accepted at face value in the issuing banks' vicinity. It might also mean that, if your local bank fails, you would be stuck with worthless currency.

While not credible today, this scenario was very real prior to the US Civil War. At that time there was no national banking system (authorized in 1863) or Federal Reserve Bank (established in 1913). In the absence of a federally backed paper currency, local banks and other institutions filed the void with a plethora of paper.

The federal government's inaction in this area partially arose out of a lack of constitutional direction. While it authorizes Congress to coin money and regulate its value, the Constitution does not comment directly on the issuance of paper money or a related topic, the establishment of a central bank.

Prior to the Civil War, the federal government's direct role in providing money for circulation was limited to the minting of specie--gold, silver, and base metal coins. Unfortunately, the coinage proved woefully inadequate in fulfilling the commercial needs. For that reason, foreign coins, notably "Spanish milled dollars," were allowed to circulate until 1857. Private issue tokens--Hard Times tokens--played a role in the mid-1830s, as did private issue western gold pieces made during the 1840s and 1850s.

However, the need for additional mediums of exchange was clear, particularly for merchants and others dealing with larger sums of money. For this reason banks, merchants, and other institutions and individuals issued their own circulating paper currency. This currency played a crucial role in aiding commerce. However, the weakness of some of this currency, and a proliferation of counterfeit and other non-valid notes, negated many of the benefits.

The chief purveyors of paper currency were the banks. Notes were issued in denominations from less than a dollar into the thousands of dollars, and in such odd amounts as $4 and $7. More typically a bank might circulate $1, $2, $3, $5, and $20 notes.

A degree of control over the banks was provided by state charter requirements. With these, states set certain standards and regulations for newly established or renewing banks. Originally charters were approved or rejected in state legislatures. However, in 1838, New York state started a trend when it enacted its Free Banking Act. This eased the procedure by eliminating the need for legislative approval. Free banking spread rapidly to other states.

Needless to say, requiring a state charter did not end bank failures or abuses. Some of the worst abuses took place in the growing western states, such as Illinois and Missouri. Bank notes were issued with little or no backing, and credit was over extended. At times of recession, these "wildcat" banks would fail, often taking other banks that had speculated on the wildcat banks' success.

A constraint on state bank excesses was provided by the existence of two federally-chartered banks. Each was established to serve as the federal government's fiscal agent, and to engage in commercial banking. Each issued paper currency.

The first Bank of the United States (1791-1811) was headquartered in Philadelphia and had branches in eight other cities. It was conservatively managed and placed a restraining influence on state banks by not accepting bank notes unless payable in specie. The bank's 1811 charter renewal was successfully opposed by agricultural interests, who saw the bank as favoring commercial over agrarian interests, and by speculators and others interested in a less restrictive banking system.

Following the bank's demise, the number of state-chartered banks rapidly increased. In Pennsylvania, for instance, 41 charters were approved by the legislature in 1814. Many of the banks established under these charters ultimately failed.

The closing of the first Bank of the United States was also followed by the War of 1812. War financing proved difficult without a federally-chartered bank. As a temporary measure, the government issued its first Treasury notes. Treasury notes were also issued during the Depression of 1837, the Mexican War, the Panic of 1857, and in 1860.

Most of the War of 1812 Treasury notes earned interest, and all could be used to purchase interest-bearing bonds. These notes could also be used in payments to the government, but were not legal tender and were not meant to circulate. The government redeemed most of these notes, so today they are rarely seen by collectors.

By the end of the war, the nation's finances were in such a catastrophic state that a second Bank of the United States was proposed as a curative. The bank, again based in Philadelphia, obtained its 20-year charter in 1816. It operated much as its predecessor had, and also issued paper currency.

However, this bank ran afoul of President Andrew Jackson. Toward the end of his first term he successfully vetoed a recharter bill. Following his reelection in 1832 on an anti-bank platform, he began withdrawing federal funds, and placed them in state banks. The bank's federal charter expired in 1836, but the bank continued as a state-chartered, currency issuing institution until 1841, when it failed.

The two federally chartered banks had a significant indirect impact on the nation's banking system, with their generally conservative banking practices putting something of a damper on the frequently more free-wheeling state-chartered banks. However, the first and second banks had no direct role in regulating other banks. Control of these banks, to the degree that it existed, was left in the hands of the states.

One important fact about these state bank notes is that they frequently were discounted, or accepted for less than face value. The degree of discounting depended largely on the acceptor's familiarity with

the bank and its notes, and his perception of the issuing bank's financial condition. If a person believed a bank to be in poor health, he would be unlikely to accept its notes at face value, if at all. To help persons make a decision, publications kept tabs on bank discount rates. There were also publications that told how to detect counterfeit and other non-valid notes.

The Civil War--a critical junction for so much of this country's history--sounded the death knell for the state-chartered banking system. Because of its need for money, the federal government in 1861 began issuing Demand Notes, which were not redeemable in specie. Other Civil War issues included Legal Tender Notes, Compound Interest Treasury Notes, Interest Bearing Notes, and fractional currency.

In 1963, Congress passed the National Banking Act, partly as a money-raising scheme. The act stated that the federal government would grant charters to banks, which could then issue notes. The face value of the notes could not exceed 90 percent of the par value of US government bonds that the banks had previously deposited with the government as security. The National Banking Act not only assured a reliable bank-issued currency, it also raised much-needed government income through the bond purchases.

Many of the state-chartered banks honorably redeemed their bank notes before converting into national banks. Those that did not convert either closed or stopped issuing notes.

The number of currency-issuing state banks in the period from 1782 to the Civil War was around 2,500, and issues from other sources (railroads, canal companies, etc.) swell the total. Since many of the notes were never redeemed or destroyed by the issuers, even after as many as 200 years the notes may be reasonably common.

There are a number of ways you might collect these notes. One popular approach is to concentrate on bank notes from particular towns, counties, or states. If you reside in a state that was well settled before the Civil War, odds are good that obsolete bank notes were issued nearby.

Alternately, you might collect odd denominations, or bank notes from every state that issued them. Another approach is to go for certain vignettes. Because there were only a limited number of bank note printers and engravers, some of the same scenes appear on more than one bank's currency. There are marvelous illustrations of early railroads, steamships, famous American's, coins--even Santa Claus.

A good starting place for collectors, or anyone interested in the subject, is the "Standard Catalog of United States Obsolete Bank Notes 1782-1866," by James A. Haxby (Krause-1988). Notes are illustrated and valued.

With the publication of the Haxby book, and a 1990 sale of proof (uncirculated) bank notes from the American Bank Note Company, interest in obsolete notes has picked up. However, it is still possible to purchase these quite reasonably, when compared to many other numismatic collecting areas. More common notes, even in decent condition, might be only $15 to $30. Scarcer notes or those in high demand may bring several hundred dollars. One interesting category is proof notes. For some varieties proofs will be the only notes available. These often cost $200 or more.

One of the most interesting aspects of obsolete bank notes is the lack of research that has been done on them and their issuing banks. They offer considerable scope for investigation for those who are so inclined. Possible information sources, besides the Haxby book, might be local history museums or even successors to the pre-Civil War banks. With enough effort, you could become the top expert on an interesting slice of ante-bellum history.

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Our 892nd Meeting

DATE: Saturday, May 22, 1993
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 Bryn Mawr, Rosemont--Air France Room
PROGRAM: Neil Shafer: Scrip from the Panic of 1907

There is no May meeting on the regular night!

Message from the Editor

For the second time this year, we will be holding our meeting in conjunction with a coin show. Specifically, we are meeting at the Central States Numismatic Society's 54th Anniversary Convention, during one of the organization's relatively rare forays into the Chicago area. This is an opportunity to see and perhaps buy that much needed but hard-to-find Bolivian scudo, Montrose bank note, dewberry picker token or Einstein medal. It is a chance to exhibit, or to see exhibits on a variety of topics. Here, too, you can meet or renew acquaintance with rarely seen coin dealers or fellow collectors.

How many CCC members are going to make it out to Rosemont on a Saturday for this show? I haven't a clue. Still, given the benefits, I think it is worthwhile making the effort. If you know another member who might have difficulty getting there, why not give him or her a call and offer a ride? Also, for hardy urban souls, the elevated stops nearby. I hope to see you there!

April Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Andrew Michyeta. Carl Wolf reported he will have a complete report from the 75th Anniversary Committee at the May meeting. In new business, Frank Zaylik has application forms for ANA housing. Mark Wieclaw attended a 2 hour bullion forum and presentation within a local company. It turned out to be a US Eagle presentation at Doral Plaza.

The evening's speaker was Richard Hamilton, on the topic, *Christian Gobrecht: The Artist, The Person*.

Exhibits were by Carl Wolf (penny nail he won from an Illinois State Numismatic Association drawing, Aubrey beads from Swaziland), Charles Ricard (past signs of coins in circulation), Drew Michyeta (a current coin of Bosnia from the Pobjoy Mint), Bob Leonard (Silver Bride prize money made from melted coins), Harry Flower (reverses of US paper money), Frank Zaylik (medal of 1965 exhibit/PNA exhibit made by the French Mint), Tom Nolan (US obsolete currency in odd denominations of $1.25, $1.50, $2.50, obsolete notes from Virginia, Vermont, and Illinois), Mark Wieclaw (German porcelain pieces including Saxony cased set, various old and newer issues), Steve Zitowsky (replica of first American Express travelers cheque).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer

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Birthdays and Years Joined

June 11	Joseph A. Piekarczyk	Since 1991
June 12	Rosalind Ryant	Since 1977
June 15	Pearl C. Kopicki	Prior to 1960
June 19	David Henkle	Since 1986
June 27	James Simek	Since 1973

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Our 893rd Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, June 9, 1993
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago
PROGRAM: Bob Weinstein, Jr.: Coinage of Hindu and Southeast Asian Origin

Message from the Editor

As summer makes its long anticipated appearance, many CCC members' thoughts turn to such things as vacations, barbecues, and gardens. However, they should also remember that the CCC continues to meet -- in air-conditioned comfort -- during the summer months. There will be good speakers (Robert Leonard and Saul Needleman) and socializing. In fact, the August meeting will be a social evening. So, if you even felt that the program got in the way of your talking to your friends during the meeting, the August meeting is for you!

Want to Buy a CCC Book--Cheap?

A recent price list from Davissons Ltd., (Cold Spring, MN 56320) offers copies of Perspectives in Numismatics: Studies Present to the Chicago Coin Club. The description is reproduced below:

"This book was first published in 1986. It has helpful and even important articles by several leading numismatic writers--David Sear, John Lhotka, Eric Newman, Richard Doty, David Bowers, Elvira Clain-Stefanelli. 364 pages with good quality photographs and drawings in the text, it is a worthwhile addition to your library. When it was published, the price was $25 for a paperback book. I bought a copy for my library but decided that it was too expensive to stock in any quantity. The publisher has reduced the price and inflation has reduced the perceived cost. It is well worth having and the price ($15) is a bargain."

Good luck selling them, Allen!

May Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Air France room at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Attendance was 30 with guests Steve Clark, Kermit Wasmer, Doug Walcutt, Christopher Batio, Neil Shafer, Paul Gilkes, and Robert Clark. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Central States Numismatic Society Convention.

President Michyeta apologized for the club's late nomination of Nancy Wilson for ANA governor.

The morning's speaker was Neil Shafer, on scrip from the Panic of 1907. He described reasons for the panic, and talked about types of scrip, including clearing house association checks, circulating cashiers checks, and Illinois Central scrip. He said the panic played a role in the establishment of the Federal Reserve System in 1913.

In old business, the membership application of Warren Schultz was approved on the second reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,
David Simpson, acting for Brian Stubbs
Secretary/Treasurer

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Birthdays and Years Joined

July 4	Chester Poderski	Before 1960
July 13	Gerard Anaszewicz	Since 1981
July 19	Richard Hamilton	Since 1986
July 27	David Simpson	Since 1980

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Our 894th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, July 14, 1993
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago
PROGRAM: Robert Leonard, the Legend of the Yoachum Dollar

Message from the Editor

MEDAL? BANQUET? BULLETIN? VIDEOTAPE?

The 75th Anniversary Committee continues to meet and plan activities for the club's anniversary in 1994. Topics on the agenda include, but are not limited to, a medal, a banquet, a videotape, and a bulletin. The bulletin would, hopefully, include comments from long-time members about their experiences relating to the CCC. A few members have been approached about reminiscing, and the committee is actively seeking others to participate.

The committee has a list of questions; all you would have to do would be to talk into a tape recorder and answer the questions. You can do this at home alone if you want. Contact a member of the 75th Anniversary Committee (Carl Wolf, David Simpson, Richard Hamilton, or Harry Flower) if you would like to share those unique memories.

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Birthdays and Years Joined

Aug. 2	William Swoger	Since 1984
Aug. 7	William Holm	Before 1960
Aug. 15	Steven R. Rodin	Since 1991
Aug. 17	Harry X Boosel	Before 1960
Aug. 19	Carl F. Wolf	Since 1979
Aug. 20	Melvyn Frear	Since 1989
Aug. 23	Thomas Michell	Since 1981
Aug. 26	Tom DeLorey	Since 1984
Aug. 26	Donald H. Doswell	Since 1960
Aug. 31	Clarence R. Wills	Before 1960

Keith W. Weddell

CCC member Keith Weddell passed away June 1 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital of complications due to AIDS. He was 39 years old.

Keith was born April 13, 1954, in El Paso, Texas, where his father served in the army. Keith graduated in 1972 from J. B. Conant High School, Hoffman Estates, IL, and attended Northwestern School of Education, Evanston, IL, for three years. He was self employed as an expert home repairman and gardener.

He joined the CCC in 1983, and will best be remembered for his in-depth knowledge of German coinage, particularly those coins issued by the free state of Danzig. He is listed in the acknowledgments in Krause Publications Library Edition (1971) of its Standard Catalog of World Coins.

Due to failing health, Keith was not able to attend many meetings the past year, but his interest and love of numismatics remained strong. Up until a week

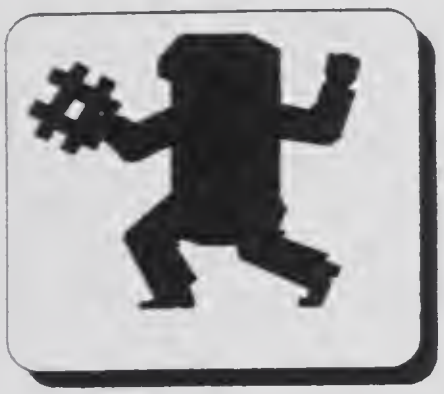
before his death he was ordering coins and books and continued his research efforts toward a comprehensive paper for the American Numismatic Society on the coinage of Danzig. He was also a member of the American Numismatic Association.

Keith was preceded in death by his father, Donald, and is survived by his mother Lyn Pribbanow of Hoffman Estates; a brother Ronald of St. Charles, IL, and a sister, Karen Freese of St. Louis, MO.

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, and his ashes were buried next to his father in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arlington Heights, IL. Donations can be made to the Christian Center for Effective Living, c.o. Dr. Christopher Miller, 1427 Chicago Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

(Submitted by Carl Wolf)

Leonard Wins Award



Bob Leonard was presented the first place Elston G. Bradfield Literary Award at the recent Central States Numismatic Society Convention. The award was given for his article on Native American Copper Axe Money. The article had been published in the CSNS publication, the Centinal. The article had originally been prepared for the March, 1992, CCC axe money give-away.

The award is named in honor of Elston G. Bradfield, who was a past CCC president (1955-56) and instrumental in the earlier year at CSNS.

June Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by vice president Steven Zitowsky. The May meeting minutes were approved by the membership.

The members were informed that Andrew Michyeta's father had passed away, and that member Keith Weddell had also passed away. The membership stood for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Weddell.

Our speaker for the evening was Bob Weinstein, and his topic was Symbolic Coinage of Southeast Asia.

Carl Wolf gave a 75th Anniversary Committee report. He has talked to Krause Publications and it will promote CCC at CICF, possibly by supplying CCC banquet tickets for advertisers who upgrade from a quarter-page ad. Designs for the 75th anniversary medal are needed soon!

In old business, Nancy Wilson wrote to thank the club for nominating her for ANA governor.

Exhibits: Harry Flower (1942 tax stamp for pharmacist), Charles Ricard (75th anniversary WWI medal issued to panelists and participants at Chantigny event; it will be issued August 30 to 30,000 surviving WWI veterans--who die at a rate of 1,300 a month), Mark Wieclaw (CSNS exhibit third place award, Gold Brick Medal/ANA Centennial Convention committee signatures), Carl Wolf (1850 large cent counterstamped "Wolf," 1924 German encased coin of Carl Wolfe, pogs--cardboard tokens, and a set of 76 personalized plastic tokens).

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs
Secretary-Treasurer

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Our 895th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, August 11, 1993
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago
PROGRAM: Social Evening: Bring, or Make, a Friend! Wine and cheese provided.

Message from the Editor

That's right, the much anticipated social evening is this month. This means that there will be no presentation as such, but members will have an opportunity to sit around and gab. Perhaps members will want to bring in coins or books to show others on a one-to-one basis, rather than exhibiting. This is also your chance to catch up on what happened at the ANA convention by talking to those who attended.

When a social evening was proposed late last year, there were questions about how popular it would be. These questions remain. After all, the CCC has a history of hosting excellent programs. A social evening is not the sort of structured event we are used to. The closest equivalent may be the annual banquet, with its reception and dinner.

I suggest you think of the social evening as a free-form, do-it-yourself education/entertainment event. Talk to some old and new friends on the subject of your choice -- and have fun!

July Meeting Minutes

The 894th meeting of the CCC was called to order by President Andrew Michyeta at 7:30 p.m., July 14. The 893rd meeting minutes were approved.

Our speaker for the evening was Robert Leonard, Jr. His subject was the Yoachum Dollar. (His presentation is also available on an ANA videotape that runs 41 minutes.) The dollars carried a certain amount of silver, and may have circulated between 1835 and 1840. In 1926 a find of dollars was reported. Seven or eight Yoachum dollars were found in May, 1983, at Branson, MO. At the 1987 Eighth Annual Silver Dollar Convention, lead restrikes were minted and priced at $25,000 each. About 142 were minted, but none were sold. Others were minted for tourists. Paul Bosco obtained an auctioned Yoachum dollar for $342.

Brian Stubbs reported that the literary committee has received three papers.

Carl Wolf reported that a CCC 75th anniversary banquet at the Sheraton Chicago, to be held in 1994 in conjunction with the CICF, will cost about $38 to $40 a person. A motion was introduced to authorize the committee to pay a $300 banquet room deposit, and to use up to $250 to buy promotional material. The motion passed by a majority.

Carl then presented information on designs for a 75th anniversary medal, and much discussion followed. One suggested design was of Lincoln and his wife Mary Todd. Another design was based on a James Earl Fraser sculpture on the Michigan Avenue Bridge in Chicago. The Fraser design passed by a majority. The club has a benefactor to cover the tooling and die charges. The club passed a motion authorizing the anniversary committee to proceed with the medal.

Another motion, by Carl Wolf, was for the club to become a life member of the Illinois Numismatic Association. The motion passed with a majority.

Exhibitors were Charles Ricard (service medals for Napoleonic War veterans, general veterans medals), Carl Wolf (three irregularly shaped medals from Statue of Liberty series), Andrew Michyeta (50 piastres of Lebanon, 1929 Paris mint), Mark Wieclaw (two Roman denari, standard silver coins but one in bronze), Robert Leonard, Jr. (primitive money articles, ILNA Spring 93 Winning Ways, clam shell money, Mexican coins based on the Aztec calendar with a silver content), Chester Poderski (Hugh Knight Sun Times column, Homewood Coin Club 400th meeting $400 dollar bill issued July 8, 1993).

Meeting adjourned 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, secretary/treasurer

Medal Design

At the July meeting, the CCC approved this basic design to be on its 75th anniversary medal. The die-struck medal will be approximately the size illustrated. It will be rectangular, but might be given an irregular shape around the edges.

The 1929 design is from *The Explorer*, which is found on the Michigan Avenue Bridge in Chicago. The artist is James Earl Fraser, designer of the buffalo nickel. The inscription on the sculpture is:

THE DISCOVERERS
JOILET -- FATHER MARQUETTE -- LA SALLE AND TONTI
WILL LIVE IN AMERICAN HISTORY
AS FEARLESS EXPLORERS WHO MADE THEIR WAY
THROUGH THE GREAT LAKES AND ACROSS
THIS WATERSHED TO THE MISSISSIPPI IN
THE LATE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY AND
TYPIFY THE SPIRIT OF BRAVE ADVENTURE
WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN FIRMLY PLANTED
IN THE CHARACTER OF THE MIDDLE WEST
PRESENTED TO THE CITY
BY WILLIAM WRIGLEY, JR. 1928

Approximate tooling and die charges for an irregularly shaped medal of this size are $2,400. A regularly shaped medal is $200 less. A benefactor has volunteered to pay tooling and die charges.

The per-unit cost to strike medals in antiqued bronze is $8.50 for 100 to 249, and $8.00 for 250 to 499. No final determination on quantity has been made. Medals could also be struck in different metals on special order.

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Birthdays and Years Joined

Sept. 1	Fred K. White	Since 1991
Sept. 2	John Wilson	Since 1984
Sept. 7	James M. McMenamin	Since 1975
Sept. 9	William Pettit	Since 1967
Sept. 11	Leah Klein	Since 1969
Sept. 16	Richard J. Sheppard	Since 1977
Sept. 18	Michael M. Dolnick	Since 1952
Sept. 24	Michael A. Pesha	Since 1979

Commemorative Legislation

The U.S. House of Representatives may soon be considering HR-652, a bill for the creation of coins (silver 50 cent, $1, gold $5) to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. mint's first coinage issue.

Andrew Michyeta, chairman of the CCC Committee to Support Commemorative Coin Issues, suggests that if you are in favor of such coinage, you call or fax your representative, asking him or her to be a co-sponsor. Some local representatives' **fax numbers** (area code 202) are:

Philip Crane (8th)--225-7830; Cardis Collins (7th) -- 225-8396; Harris W. Fawell (13th) -- 225-9420; Luis Gutierrez (4th) -- 225-7810; Henry Hyde (6th)-- 225-1240; John Porter (10th) -- 225-0157; Dan Rostenkowski (5th) -- 225-4064; Bobby Rush (1st) -- 226-0333, and Sidney Yates (9th) -- 225-3493.

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Our 896th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, September 8
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago
PROGRAM: Charles Ricard on "Coins of the Bible." Program includes slides.

Message from the Editor

Plans for the upcoming 75th anniversary continue apace. The first model of the anniversary medal will be ready for inspection at the September meeting. This model will be prepared in an aluminum-filled epoxy resin. Comments will be solicited.

Besides the medal, other possible anniversary projects include a banquet, club bulletin, member interviews, and educational videotape. You may help sponsor the anniversary with your donation. Sponsorship levels to be acknowledged in the banquet program are $10 for contributor, $25 for patron, and $100 for benefactor. To make a donation or for more anniversary information, contact Richard Hamilton, Dave Simpson, Carl Wolf, or Harry Flower.

July Meeting Minutes

Our August 11, 1993, 995th meeting was called to order by vice president Steve Zitowsky at 7:35. Carl Wolf asked the club about purchasing "The Discoverers" medals. Extra costs for the medals will include presentation cases, edge marks, and silver, gold or other medal options. A motion to accept was passed by a majority.

Harry Boosel gave a vote of thanks to the evening's wine and cheese donor.

A motion was introduced saying that the membership would like the board to look into advertising our club announcements in Numismatic News, the Chicago Tribune, on Channel 38, Channel 9, etc.

From the ANA in Baltimore: Glenn Smedley Awards were presented to CCC members Charles Ricard and John Wilson. Numismatic Literary Guild Award was presented to past CCC president Robert Leonard, Jr., ~~who also got the Zerbe Award~~. Bert Bressett was given the medal of merit.

Exhibitors were Carl Wolf (cardboard milk bottle caps, two calendar medals, and an enclosed stamp), Tom Nolan (Greek WW II currency), Brian Stubbs (Russian 10 and 25 ruble bank notes, English 1967 penny, 1965 1/2 cent, 1874 penny, Denmark 1990 50 öre), Robert Leonard, Jr., (1 and 2 centavos fantasy pieces from Central American union, 10 centimes and 20 francs fantasy pieces from empire of Trebizond, satirical medal of Napoleon III), Mark Wieclaw (France 5 francs manicure set, Antinius Pius Alexandria drachma with Pharus lighthouse), Chester Poderski (Queen Elizabeth young head scenes silver dollar 1953 to 1964), Frank Zaylik (ANA Convention passport, badges, Krause penny set and daily newspaper), Charles Ricard (silver 25th anniversary medal of the Numismatic Literary Guild, medal plaque of Napoleon by DuVivieo 1796), Harry Flower (new medal of Albert Einstein by Boke), Robert Leonard (ancient Sycthian arrowhead money with references about them, ANA convention souvenirs), Harry X Boosel (ANA memorabilia from Baltimore Convention).

Meeting adjourned following wine and cheese and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,
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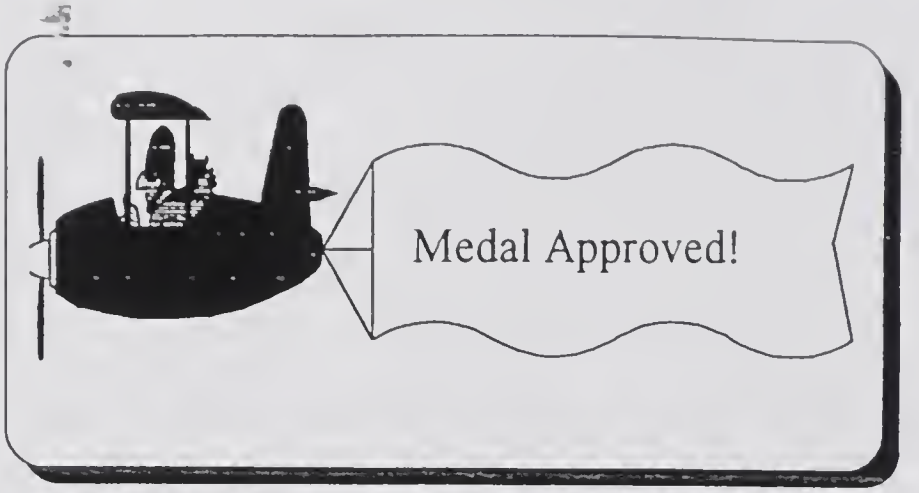
Birthdays and Years Joined

Oct. 12	Frank P. Zaylik	Before 1960
Oct. 13	Bernard L. Schwartz	Since 1986
Oct. 14	Marcella L. Sheldon	Since 1946
Oct. 14	Joel J. Reznick	Since 1981
Oct. 16	Harry Flower	Before 1960
Oct. 17	Margo Russell	Before 1960
Oct. 19	Phyllis Eisenberg	Since 1968

Commemorative Update



Congratulations to William Swoger! His efforts have helped prompt the US mint to agree to issue a silver medal to commemorate the bicentennial of the mint's first coinage issue.

The medal is an acknowledgment of the event's importance, and certainly came about largely because of interest expressed in legislation Mr. Swoger was actively promoting. Regarding the legislation, thanks go to CCC members who contacted their representatives about HR 654, a bill for the creation of silver 50 cent, $1, and gold $5 coins commemorating the bicentennial.

CHATTER

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Our 897th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, October 13, 1993
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago
PROGRAM: Robert Goler on Souvenirs of White City
Bring a list of your material that you want auctioned at the November club auction

Message from the Editor

The October meeting promises to be busy, and (I'm afraid) rather long. Not only will we have our speaker and exhibits, but there will be a detailed presentation on the anniversary celebration. Please read the separate article.

A big question with me and others is how much all this will cost. I take a basically Scottish attitude toward spending money --I hate to do it. But I also feel that spending money for a worthy purpose is justified. I think, for the Chicago Coin Club, the anniversary is a worthy purpose. The trick is to spend it on what is important, and not to overdo it.

At this stage we don't have final figures, and some things are dependent on factors like how many medals will be struck or how many people will attend the banquet. However, excluding a club videotape and based on the 75th anniversary committee's proposals to be presented at the October meeting, I estimate income and expenses should just about balance. Income would derive from medal and banquet ticket sales (and contributions, which I have not figured into the equation). Expenses would be for the banquet and medal, as well as promotional material, medal advertisements, banquet invitations, a constitution reprint, and complementary banquet tickets.

I have not yet heard the formal proposal for a club videotape, but the concept sounds exciting, and there are talented people backing the idea. A videotape is a lively way to tell about the club and Chicago-area numismatics.

Do the 75th anniversary plans sound good to you? Do the finances sound do-able? Come to the October meeting and get all the facts, then voice your opinion.

September Meeting Minutes

Our 896th meeting, held September 8 at the Bismarck Hotel, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Drew Michyeta.

Additions and corrections to the minutes of the August 1993 meeting: The title in the Chatter incorrectly read "July Meeting Minutes." At the ANA convention, member Bob Hendershott won the Zerbe Award, rather than Robert Leonard, Jr. Bob Weinstein, Jr., did not receive a first mention; Robert Leonard, Jr., should be noted as a first mention. Charles Richard exhibited a plaque by DuVivier, not DuVivieo.

Robert Leonard, Jr., placed a motion on the floor to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded, and passed by a majority of members.

Brian Stubbs, speaking for the literary awards committee, reported that only three papers have been received. Dick Hamilton asked if there will be a write-up with the medal; all members agree that one would enhance the medal. ANA President David Ganz will be asked to speak at our 75th anniversary banquet. Banquet plans are being finalized.

In new business, the November meeting will feature the club auction. Please forward material to be auctioned to Steven Zitowsky. Chester Poderski will be our auctioneer for the evening.

Joe Tomasko gave a report on the material in the archives. Medals, etc. were placed in the safe box.

The speaker for the evening was Charles Ricard on "Coins of the Bible."

The CCC is now Illinois Numismatic Association life member #C-132. The life member card was presented to President Michyeta by Mark Wieclaw.

Exhibits:

Robert Leonard (pre-coinage money of Bible lands: Sumerian clay tablets, silver ingot, earrings, bronze rings, and related literature),

Harry X Boosel (birthday card from Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton, Coins magazine article on Harry as Mr. 1873),

Charles Ricard (Glenn B. Smedley Award and $1.00 note with repeated serial number),

Harry Flower (Hell bank notes from China, 15 pieces from 1 million to 1 billion denominations),

Andrew Michyeta (medal: triple thick 3 oz >.999 silver, Seal of the State of Florida),

Mark Wieclaw (1920 Saxony porcelain 20 mark in 1921 holder), 1971 WAWA Ontario trade token),

Fred White ($2.00 Western Exchange stockholder note, $5.00 bank note of Georgia, $10.00 LaSalle National Currency, $20.00 and $50.00 South Carolina Revenue Bond Scrip),

Carl Wolf (article from a credit union publication on the popularity of the tokens called POGS).

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

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Birthdays and Years Joined

Nov. 5	Phyllis Johnson	Since 1987
Nov. 8	Brian Andrew Heil	Since 1981
Nov. 9	Tom Ryan	Since 1960
Nov. 11	J. Vincent Swift	Since 1991
Nov. 19	Richard Peterson	Since 1962
Nov. 24	Jeffrey F. Bernberg	Since 1975

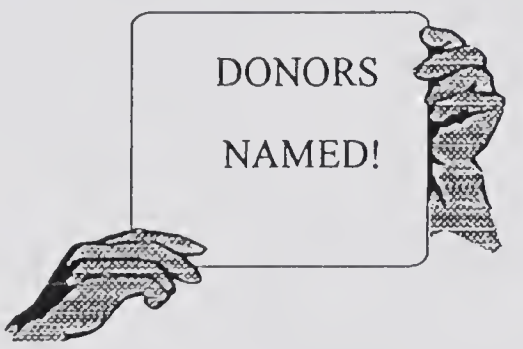
Due to an oversight, we failed to list the birthdays of John Ross (May 25) and Mark Wieclaw (April 14). We'll try to do better next year!

Auction Material Needed

Do you have any CCC memorabilia or other numismatic material you would like to sell? You will have an opportunity to do so at the club's annual auction, to be held at the November meeting. First Vice President Steven Zitowsky will be handling the arrangements, and the famous auctioneer, Chester Poderski, will be officiating.

Please let Steve know, preferably at the October meeting, what you would like to have auctioned, so he can put together a list of auction lots.

75th Anniversary Donors



For the next few months, we will list those who have contributed funds toward the club's 75th anniversary, to be celebrated in 1994. Sponsors will also be acknowledged in the banquet program. Levels are $10 for Contributors, $25 for Patrons, and $100 for Benefactors. Contributions can be sent to the club address or given to Richard Hamilton. We already have one contribution:

Patrons **Roy and Bill Grundy**

Anniversary Events to be Discussed

The 75th anniversary committee (Carl Wolf-chairperson, Richard Hamilton, Harry Flower, Dave Simpson, with President Drew Michyeta attending) held a three-hour meeting in September to discuss various anniversary questions. In addition, Carl met the same day with members interested in doing a videotape.

Members will be given the facts and asked for their opinions at the October CCC meeting. There will likely be votes taken to authorize spending money and taking courses of action.

Regarding the **anniversary medal**, the committee will recommend producing 100, or 25 more than pre-orders, whichever is higher, of the bronze medals. Suggested price would be $20 each. Sterling silver (10.23 oz) medals and 10 kt gold medals (11.475 oz) would be produced based on pre-orders only. The committee will suggest a $125 price for the silver and $2,165 (our cost) for the gold. A $10 discount could be available for those placing early orders for one silver and one bronze medal.

Members will be asked to authorize spending up to $400 for **advertising** the medals in numismatic publications.

The committee will suggest producing an up-to-date version of the **constitution** -- approximate cost $100.

The committee will request that 300 formal **invitations** be sent before the banquet -- approximate cost $337, including postage.

The committee has selected two dinner main courses (chicken and fish) for the **banquet** and will suggest a banquet ticket price of $40--about $3 over our cost. The committee will suggest providing complementary tickets for the speaker and spouse, and for current and past CCC presidents (but not spouses or widows or widowers).

The committee will suggest that the actual **900th meeting** (January 1994) include a drawing for medal serial numbers. Prior to the drawing, benefactors ($100+ contributors), if they so desire, may pre-order up to two medals (bronze, silver, or gold) with specific number or numbers. First come, first served. The 900th meeting might include a wine and cheese reception.

A separate group is enthusiastically pursuing the possibly of a professional quality **videotape**, looking at CCC history and Chicago numismatics. This group will make a presentation as well.

Richard "Dick" Peterson Interview

As part of the anniversary celebration, the club would like to interview members, or have them submit written comments about the CCC and numismatics. These comments will be included in the archives, and kept for posterity. Some members may even be interviewed for a club videotape.

One person who has already been interviewed is Richard Peterson, a member since 1962. This issue includes an abbreviated version of an interview he had with Carl Wolf on February 28, 1993. You should certainly find his comments of interest, whether you are a newer or old-time member. Enjoy!

When and how did you start collecting coins?

I was working in a drug store in 1943 or 44, keeping the Indian head pennies and buffalo nickels that I came across. There were also barber dimes--they were all common. There was a difference between the Indian head cents and the Lincoln--for every 10 Lincolns there would be one Indian. They were common. But between '44 and '48, they just disappeared. It was amazing. You bought they by the roll. You could buy a roll of general circulation Indian heads for 60 cents.

When did you get involved in coin clubs? Was the Chicago Coin Club your first club?

The first affair I went to was the 1955 ANA convention in Chicago. I worked downtown, and there was a coin organization there! All of the 50-D nickels started out at $5 a roll, and ended up at that same show at $7.50 a roll. Needless to say, I goofed and only bought 2 rolls. It was held at the Congress Hotel. That convention had a board with the coin prices on the board, so you would know in advance what you would pay. There were only a few dealers, no security, no badges except convention badges. It was simple. And there was nobody there--maybe 150, 200 people. But I was impressed. That was big for the time.

In the late 50s, things started to change. On the south side of Chicago, the Cal-Harbor Stamp and Coin Club was having 120 people attend monthly meeting. I became an officer at that club, and tried to join the Chicago Coin Club. But I was told that you could join only if you were a numismatist. I could hardly spell it, let alone be one. They let me know that the "wheels" would be there. I hadn't found out who the wheels were yet. At that time, Hugh Knight was the man who wrote the coin column in the Chicago Sun, and Lee Hewitt was just another magazine publisher, so I didn't pay that much attention to them.

When did you go to your first Chicago Coin Club meeting?

In the early 1960s. It wasn't any different than any of the meetings at the other clubs I had been to! Same kind of people. It had very few displays, but they were great--not good, but great. Stuff that today is not even put out. I wasn't really impressed at that time. Looking back, the speakers were extremely good. When I'd go to the Oak Park Club, Cal-Harbor, the only difference was that you weren't in downtown Chicago. But you had almost the same people.

Were there any outstanding speakers?

I remember I was interested, and would sit and listen. None come to mind, since I was used to sitting around those people. To me they were just average people like me. You leave the Chicago area, and they were well know throughout the country. I didn't realize they were that well known and important. If you meet the president of the ANA--what did that mean to me, since I wasn't a member then? Then I'd go over to Harry Boosel, and he says, "hey, he's a big shot." So I say, "OK, I'll be nice to that guy." That's how it worked. I remember that you didn't just join the Chicago Coin Club. You were always a member of some other club, and you hear "hey, there's a good one downtown. If you are a numismatist, you can go join." That's how intimidating it was.

Who were some of the "numismatists" that attended or came by to visit?

Matt Rothert always came by to visit from Iowa. Chet Krause would come by to visit frequently. Dick Johnson, who really built up Coin World, came by to visit. They'd show up, and you'd accept them as just another person. A lot of the people there were quite important. You didn't realize until all the publications came out, until you saw they were in the publications continuously, and saw what offices they held, then you began to realize that, "hey, these people are important." I remember Lee Hewitt in particular. He was one of the men you would go out and have a drink with and have a lot of fun with. He probably did more for numismatic publications than most of the other early ones. I bought coins frequently from Max Mehl. I don't remember him at a meeting, though. I believe he came before I joined. I let him know I was a member (trying to get a discount!).

Did any of the old timers ever talk to you about what it was like when they started collecting?

One man I remember found out my wife collected keys, so he brought an old key from Stockholm, and gave it to me! Some of the old timers told about how much money they missed by not buying the right thing, and others told what the numismatic value was, and it had nothing to do with dollars, and a great deal to do with education. What really impressed me to begin with was how much money they made or lost, and then as time went on, how much they learned--the money didn't seem as important after a while.

Fishermen always have a story about the one that got away. The coin collector that has been around a while always has that kind of story too. What is yours?

I figured out that very low mintages were the best buy. I wanted to make a little money. I didn't have a lot of money. I could afford to spend up to $150 at a time. I wound up buying rolls of 50-D nickels. I didn't have anything get away from me that I am aware of. Just before everything dropped out of the market in the early 70s, Lee Hewitt, Glenn Smedley, Chet Krause said, "sell everything you've got." I listened to them and sold out, and bought a new house, bought a new car, had a vacation, went to Denver for an ANA show, and still had money left over. That came from listening to the other people.

As soon as the bottom fell out, I started looking for something new to collect. Someone said to try collecting something different--I found a coin that looked like it had a skull and crossbones on it. It took me a week to figure out it was Byzantine. I found out because it was in one of the publications, there was a picture of the exact coin I had in my hand. It was an old Byzantine bronze coin. Every show, there are a bushel of bronze coins, a handful of gold, and a few silver. Logic said to collect the silver. So I bought every silver Byzantine coin I could find from the early 70s. In the early 80s, I retired at age 52 because I sold my entire collection. I wound up putting my coin investments in non-numismatic investments. Either way it would have worked out about the same between numismatic and non-numismatic investments. I have no regrets. Nothing I can think of really got away from me. I jumped on the opportunities, and they all worked.

Any other thoughts?

The city was different then. People were more friendly, you were more intimate. You would go to their houses and see their collections. They were more social. There was no fear of getting robbed. When somebody did get robbed, it was by an outsider, not somebody in the group. When somebody got robbed, you got very upset, because it was a friend of yours. Today, you just take it as a normal occurence. If you are dumb enough to keep your coins at home, you've lost them.

Who do you look back upon with fondness?

Good friends were Lee Hewitt, Glenn Smedley, Chet Krause, Mike Powels--I got along well with him. Also, Chet Poderski. He was one of the ones who brought me down to the Chicago Coin Club originally. He introduced me to the club. Those were the type of people I hung around with, not realizing they carried a great deal of prestige, since we all acted the same, and had the same common interests, whether the man was extremely wealthy, or just an average person. We all had this same common interest, so we could all talk to each other.

When you first joined the club, was there a lot of emphasis on US than today?

Probably more emphasis on US then. That was where people could make money. It was the 09-S, US coins, but some of the scarcer. Things people could buy, like an old quarter, for only a couple dollars. There was an 11 or 12 year old kid who was asking a dealer if another kid's barber quarter was worth anything, and the dealer said it really wasn't. So, the kid sold it to another kid for 20 cents! I was standing there when it happened at one of the club meetings. The father stood there and couldn't believe what he heard! That's when we decided to try to educate people a little more.

Were you ever an officer at the Chicago Coin Club?

I made it up to first vice president. I made sure that we had good speakers whenever possible, and tried to have members get involved in the club. Glenn Smedley was really behind the club in making the club a better place. Everything worked out. I just did what I had to do. Whenever a show, like Central States or ANA came around, I ended up being bourse chairman. The chairman handled every application, all the money, and ran that bourse himself. Phil More was the president at the time I was vice president. He really got me going on that. I also worked at the CCC Fall Festivals. One year (1965), Chicago sponsored the Central States show, and the year after it sponsored the ANA. Again I was bourse chairman. Then I started slowing down because the company was sending me out of town on business. I was a mechanical engineer for Kaiser Engineers. I haven't made it to a meeting (other than those held at coin shows) in 10 years.

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Our 898th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, November 10, 1993

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago

PROGRAM: Member-benefit auction

Bring your wallet and checkbook!

Make your December banquet reservation.

Message from the Editor

Are you looking for some real bargains in numismatic material? I would suggest that you look no further than the annual CCC member-benefit auction, to be held at the November meeting. Based on past experience, bidding will be less than hot and heavy, except perhaps for popular items like CCC memorabilia. So bring your wallet or purse, and get ready to speak up. You may find yourself in possession of some interesting material at good prices!

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Archivist Reports In

It's been a while! Some of you may have thought that I fell into the archives, never to be heard from again. Not so. Your archives are in trim and fine order.

The Chicago Coin Club maintains a safety deposit box at the First National Bank downtown. The contents had not been inventoried for quite some time and I was holding several items that I felt should be secured. With the aid of another CCC member, Don Srbeny, we itemized all the material. We worked extensively on August 31, 1993, and on September 2, 1993, to compile the listing. The medals, tokens, coins, badges, cards, plaques, and so forth may or may not have monetary value in and of themselves. Their value, however, lies in their representation of the events and activities throughout the history of your club. Keep the list. Know that we can add to it, can view things from it, and our history will be passed onto future members.

Most of these articles are enveloped and labeled. The box is just about filled to capacity. I have other items that could be put away as well. Is another box in order, perhaps a larger one, or to be discussed later?

Joe Tomasko, Jr.

(The listing is included with this Chatter.)

Birthdays and Years Joined

Dec. 6	Albert Ivan	Before 1960
Dec. 6	Allen H. Meyer	Since 1960
Dec. 7	Brian Stubbs	Since 1980
Dec. 9	Howard Eisenberg	Since 1963
Dec. 11	Philip J. More	Before 1960
Dec. 17	Allen E. Schechter	Since 1984
Dec. 19	Bill Grundy	Since 1980
Dec. 21	Frank Olenicki	Since 1968
Dec. 31	Philip J. Carrigan	Since 1989

Mostly because of out-of-date membership information held by the editor, several members' birthdays have not been listed in recent months. The editor shortly have a more current listing from the secretary/treasurer, which should solve the problem.

Ganz to Keynote at Banquet

The President of the American Numismatic Association, David L. Ganz, has responded positively to our invitation to provide the keynote address at our 75th anniversary banquet. He writes, "Thanks for your September 20th letter, received September 23. I am pleased to accept the offer of the Chicago Coin Club to appear at its 75th anniversary celebration on April 16, 1994 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers.

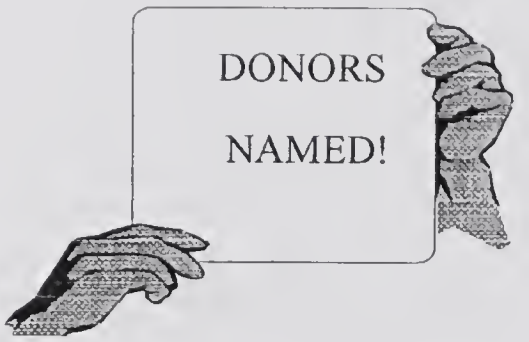
"This is an important occasion for the club, which we are proud to have as an ANA-member club, and it is appropriate for me to be there at that time."

Treasure Hunt, Anyone?

The American Numismatic Association has taken as its 1994 National Coin Week theme, "The World's Largest Treasure Hunt." The idea is for thousands of members and hundreds of clubs and dealers nationwide to drop some scarce coins and currency into circulation on the first day of National Coin Week (Sunday, April 17). The idea is that the promotion will spark interest in collecting amongst the general public.

The ANA wants to know what will be released into circulation so it can publicize the magnitude of the event. If you are going to participate and know what you will circulate, you can let the club know by the November meeting. We will forward the information to James Taylor at the ANA.

75th Anniversary Donors



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Anniversary sponsors to date are:

PATRONS

William A. Burd
Harry Flower
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Chester Poderski
Brian Stubbs
Martin Vink
Steven Zitowsky

October Meeting Minutes

Our 897th meeting, held October 13 at the Bismarck Hotel, was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Drew Michyeta, with 26 in attendance.

A motion was introduced to accept last month's minutes as printed. Mark Wieclaw would like to see his birthday of April 12 included in the Chatter, as would Saul Needleman of his September 25 birthday. Robert Leonard would like to clarify that Robert Weinstein was the first exhibitor and Robert Leonard was the second exhibitor under the August minutes.

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Our December banquet chairman, Carl Wolf, reported the menu will be Boston scrod or roast beef at $23, including tax and gratuity. A cash bar with wine and cheese will also be included. Charles Ricard moved to accept the arrangements for the December banquet to be held at the Bismarck Hotel, and Steven Zitowsky seconded. The motion passed by a majority.

Carl Wolf reported that our 75th anniversary banquet, in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Chicago Sheraton, will be held in the large ballroom upstairs. Carl also told the membership that the die charges for our medal have been sponsored by Andrew Michyeta. The members stood and gave their thanks.

Carl Wolf presented the recommendations of the 75th anniversary committee (Carl, Richard Hamilton, David Simpson, and Harry Flower). A motion passed to suspend the rules. Carl said the committee recommended:

1. That we authorize payment for 100 bronze medals, or 25 more than pre-orders, whichever is higher, at an approximate cost of $8.50 each. Also, that we authorize payment for the number of silver and gold medals pre-ordered.

2. That each medal be consecutively numbered, have an imprinted box, and a literature insert at an additional expense of approximately $1.50 per medal.

3. That bronze medals be sold for $20 each, silver for $125 each, and gold for our cost. For pre-orders received by the January meeting, that we sell a bronze and a silver medal combination to individuals for $135.

4. That we authorize Carl Wolf to spend up to $400 for advertising of these medals in various numismatic publications.

5. That club Benefactors (contributors of $100 or more) be given their choice of serial numbers on up to two medals they pre-order (first come, first served), and that unselected numbers be randomly drawn at the January 1994 900th meeting and awarded to those pre-ordering.

6. That we authorize the printing of the club's constitution at an approximate cost of $100, with copies distributed to the membership.

7. That we proceed with a Chicago Coin Club 75th anniversary banquet at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel (301 E. North Water) April 16, 1994, with dinner cost to the club of approximately $37 a person.

8. That the club offer banquet tickets at $40 each.

9. That the club pay for the banquet tickets of the main speaker and his spouse or companion, and for the current president and any past CCC presidents attending the banquet.

10. That we send up to 300 formal banquet invitations to members and others, at a cost, including postage, not to exceed $337.

11. That we expend up to $250 at the January 1994 900th meeting for wine and cheese.

12. That donations from Contributors, Patrons, and Benefactors be used to print the banquet program and to pay for voluntary banquet expenses.

Charles Ricard stated that we should officially call our medal a plaquette. Steven Zitowsky suggested that we look into local dealers sponsoring a page, etc. The membership asked who gets priority on medals--benefactors, on a first come, first served basis, replied Carl Wolf. Robert Leonard suggested we separately consider the $400 advertising budget, but after discussion, this item was retained with the other sections. President Michyeta called for a vote on the 12-part motion, and it passed with a majority.

Carl then spoke about a club videotape. It was agreed by all members who could recall that CCC journals were on the cutting edge from 1936 on; no other club was printing with such high quality at the time. In keeping with this tradition Carl Wolf proposed the creation of a master video. The proposed budget would be $2,500. This motion also passed by a majority. Saul Needleman suggested we pitch young numismatists, older members, etc. and go to the Chicago Historical Society and library to do research. Steven Zitowsky asked if we will have coins and medals on the tape. Saul Needleman and Robert Leonard responded with "yes." Carl Wolf also stated that the club has many resources we can use for the taping: Donn Pearlman, Saul Needleman, Robert Leonard, and Bob Weinstein.

Steven Zitowsky announced he will take lists of auction items from members for publication in the Chatter. Robert Leonard sold one soft cover book to

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a dealer and hopes to sell more on a journey to Canada next month.

Andrew Michyeta mentioned ANA National Coin Week April 17-23, 1994 (starting the day after our banquet). The theme is "The World's Largest Treasure Hunt."

Exhibitors:

Harry Flower (two U.S. $20 notes, two U.S. $20 gold coins),

Saul Needleman (two English siege pieces),

Dave Simpson (Greek WWII inflation currency, and Guatemala 4 reales),

Mike Metras (six coins of modern Somalia),

Charles Ricard (military service medal),

Carl Wolf (bronze medal),

Mark Wieclaw (four Byzantine Schyphate coins, one Roman Dupondius of Augustus),

Andrew Michyeta (Afghanistan 5 rupees),

Harry X Boosel (four 1873 South Carolina paper notes, porcelain token from Saxony, million dollar note serial number 1873, set of heads-only coins and tails-only coins),

Robert Leonard (coins of the crusader Tripoli from a recent hoard of circa 1290, including a besant with contemporary reference (1274) and 3 silver gros.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, secretary/treasurer

Auction Lots List

Under the Hammer

The following is a list of lots for the November auction. Condition is as described by the person who submitted the material. Additional lots may be included.

1. CCC National Coin Week medal 1952
2. CCC Mexican Peso--400th meeting
3. CCC 1919 half dollar--750th anniversary (4)
4. CCC 1981 half dollar--750th anniversary (4)
5. Chicago Numismatic Society medal--1906
6. Chgo. Numis. Roundtable--1941
7. Belgium, Medal of National League for the Defense of the Franc (man holding coin)--1910-31
8. Collecting Greek Coins book by John Anthony
9. Half dollar--1827--square base 2, VF/XF
10. Half dollar--1825--VF
11. Half dollar--1921
12. Half dollar--arrows & rays, 2 yr type, 1854, F
13. Half dollar--small letters/date--1834
14. Half dollar--1877CC, about G
15. $100 National Currency (brown seal), FRB Minneapolis #100012134A
16. Mercury dime, 1940S, AU
17. The Comprehensive US Silver Dollar Encyclopedia book--John Highfill, limited edition, 1,233 pages
18. Steel cents--Wayte Raymonds Pubns, original holder, 1943P-D-S
19. US proof set--1982
20. CCC Bulletin, Vol. 1, Nos., 1, 2 and 3, 1936
21. CCC Fall Festival sale catalog (77 pp), 1961
22. Mint Records and US Coins--CE Green & LF Hewitt, signed by Mr. Green to Mr. Boyer
23. Odd & Curious Money of the World book compiled by HD Gibbs
24. 1/2 cent, 1809, F/VF
25. One cent--Flying Eagle 1857, VG

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Our 899th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, December 8, 1993
TIME: 6:15 p.m. reception, 7:00 banquet
PLACE: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago
PROGRAM: Annual Awards Banquet
Speaker: Saul Needleman on English Tokens

Message from the Editor

It's the end of the year again, and time for holiday traditions -- visiting and giving presents to loved ones, over eating, and attending organization annual banquets are some I engage in. While I admit the CCC banquet is not at the very top of my holiday list, it is a pleasant way to wrap up the club's year and to see members in a fairly informal setting.

Another tradition is a little less appealing, but still important. I refer to the payment of CCC dues. Why not bring in your 1994 dues ($10 for a regular member, $1 for an associate) to the banquet if you are attending? If not, simply mail a check to the secretary/treasurer, Brian Stubbs.

Happy holidays to you all!

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Birthdays and Years Joined

Jan. 26 Jennie Sochon Since 1982

It looks like January was not a big month for CCC member birthdays! It is, however, possible that I have missed a birthday or two, since my membership data is not current. The editor will shortly have a more current listing from the secretary/treasurer, which should solve the problem.

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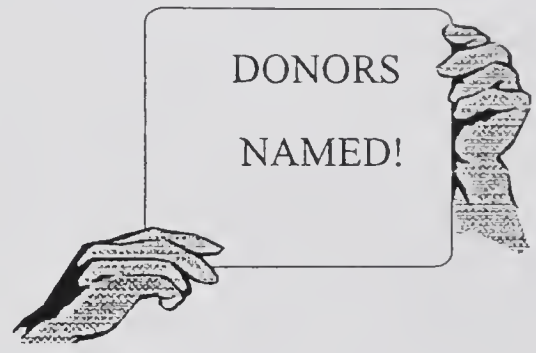

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Carl F. Wolf

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Roy and Bill Grundy
Miss Leah Klein
Chester Poderski
David B. Silberman, Jr.
Brian Stubbs
Martin Vink
Steven Zitowsky

November Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Drew Michyeta. Minutes were read and approved.

Robert Leonard reported the sale of three soft cover and one hard cover club books. The hard cover books are nearly sold out.

A motion was made and approved to move the starting time of the December 1993 awards banquet to 7:00. The reception will begin at 6:15. The speaker will be Saul Needleman, on English tokens.

Carl Wolf reported that the April 1994 75th anniversary banquet will be held in a large banquet room with a high ceiling. Regarding the medal, he noted that there was some question about the spelling of James Fraser's middle name: Earle or Earl. We have, after consulting various sources, selected Earl. Also, he noted that the priest in the medal was a Jesuit, but was not wearing Jesuit attire. This was an error in the original sculpture.

Regarding the video project, he revealed that an anonymous donor will underwrite part of the cost.

The meeting continued with the club's member benefit auction, ably conducted by Chester Poderski. Action was fairly heated on several items, including bulletins and medals from the club's history. On the other hand, some items went for their minimum bids or for low figures, to the pleasure of the purchasers. A few items were donated for the benefit of the club, and realized approximately $60.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, secretary/treasurer

Meeting Place Change in Future?

The Bismarck Hotel has informed the club that its meeting room rates are significantly increasing. Because of this, we are looking into meeting at another location, beginning with the February meeting. If you have any meeting place suggestions, please let Carl Wolf or Brian Stubbs know.

The Discoverers

The 75th anniversary medal has progressed significantly over the past few months. Trial strikes will be available for viewing at the January meeting. Orders are being taken now; medals will be available by April 1994. Bronze medals sell for $20, silver for $125, and gold for our cost. You can pre-order a bronze and a silver medal for $135.